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for a stable new global security framework". The statement made no reference to any National Missile Defence System.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

#### **Establishment of SAARC Parliament**

1285. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to move seriously to establish a SAARC Parliament on the analogy of European Parliament; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to establish a SAARC Parliament on the analogy of European Parliament under consideration of the SAARC at present.

#### **Purchase of oil from Iraq**

1286. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is buying oil from Iraq at US \$ 7.0 per barrel against a global price of US \$ 27.00 per barrel as a part of a barter deal for wheat, while this is subject to UN approval.

(b) whether it is also a fact that three consignments of wheat sent to Iraq were rejected as this consignment did not conform to global standards; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has